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Sir:

This Amendment After Final is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated September 3, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 5-7, 12, and 15-27 and add new claims 54-82 (marked up version attached in Appendix so the claims (i.e. claims 1-4, 8-11, 13-14, and 28-82) of the above-identified application read as follows:

1. A method of enhancing milk component production in a ruminant, the method comprising:
providing a feed that comprises a sugar alcohol; and
supplying the sugar alcohol to the abomasum of the ruminant.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein supplying the sugar alcohol to the abomasum of the ruminant comprises:
protecting the sugar alcohol from significant alteration in the rumen of the ruminant; and
orally feeding the feed to the ruminant.